

JEREMIAH VINCENT, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF.

MAY 16, 1862.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. COBB, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

R E P O R T .

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Watertown, New York, praying for a land warrant of 160 acres for the legal representative of Jeremiah Vincent, beg leave to report:*

That the late Rhoda Miller was the widow of Jeremiah Vincent, a soldier in the war of 1812, and received a pension as the widow of said Vincent. That she filed her application for a bounty land warrant through her agent or attorney, Clark W. Candee, esq., in March, 1855; it appears by the papers submitted to the committee the application was rejected by the Department of the Interior. The said widow Miller having died in the spring of 1856, leaving no heirs, the said citizens of Watertown, New York, petition Congress to pass a special act granting to the said C. W. Candee, as the legal representative of the said widow Miller, a bounty land warrant of 160 acres. There is no legal evidence before the committee that the said C. W. Candee is the legal representative of the said widow Miller, but even admitting the truth of this, it is a grave question under the acts of Congress granting bounty lands to soldiers, their widows, and children, when their are no heirs as specified in said acts, whether the law can be construed so as to permit the issue of the warrant or certificate to a legal representative.

The committee therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be denied.

